



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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PARISH NEWS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.
Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.

Amen.



Do you know anyone who needs support; physically, emotionally or spiritually? Please contact Fr David on 01376 326779 or email: braintree@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

SICK PARISHIONERS: Please pray for all our parishioners in this uncertain time. We remember especially: Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Mary Davis, Catherine Hughes, Cecilia Omoyinbo, Val Harding, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Megan Delaney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Bernard Boylan, Chris Brodie, Barbara Mansell, Janet Cash, Mary Delaney, Josie Pullum, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, Bob Bothello, Brenda Sewell and Maria Wray.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Doyle, Mildred Brown, Nora Carroll, Michael Elligott, Vera Bambrick, Alexine Townsley, Jozef Wierzbicki, Andrew McClements, Sue Metson, Emelia Kordaszewska, Shirley de Prazer, Szymon Duzniak, Walter Keavey, Jerome Galvin, Olive Harris, Maud McCarthy, Zdzislaw Duzniak, Alina Kordaszewska, Anita Peagram, Donald Butler, Mgr John Roche, Edit Moynihan, Bridget Llewelyn and Peter Wallace. May they all rest in Peace.

THANK YOU : Sheila and Andrew McKay would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts on their move to Northern Ireland last month. We are settling in well to our new home in Derry. After 21 years in Braintree, we were very lucky to have made such good friends and miss you all. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and hope that 2021 will be a much better year for us all.

EVENINGS FOR THE SIGNING OF "CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE "
Fr David will be signing forms on Wednesday 16th December between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Please call the Presbytery on 01376 326779 to book an appointment. Thank you.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES: New Directories for 2021 are now available from Clare at the Presbytery.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CANDIDATES: AVAILABLE DATE for the rescheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation Services is as follows:

Saturday 19th December at 10 am.

Please ring the Parish Office to book.

N.B. Adults, please remember your face masks.

Christmas Mass Arrangements. Given our current Covid situation, our Bishops have issued some guidelines about Christmas Masses this year. The first is that the present rules of social distancing and wearing face coverings still apply. In addition the Government's prohibition on singing inside a place of worship continues (so, obviously, for this year there will not be sung Carols at any Mass, although we will have instrumental accompaniment). Also, since other locations have to close by 11.00pm, this should be borne in mind in working out the timing of "Midnight Mass". Lastly, the Bishops point out that since Christmas has an Octave, then Masses after Christmas Eve and Christmas Day can also be counted as a celebration of Christmas so that (despite the obvious attachment to 24th/25th December) people are free to choose another day to have their religious celebration of Our Lord's Nativity.

As a result, the arrangements I am proposing for this year are:

Christmas Eve - Mass at 6.00pm and 10.00pm.

Christmas Day - Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am.

Saturday 26th - Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm.

Sunday 27th - Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am.

Monday 28th - Mass at 10.00am.

Tuesday 29th Mass - at 9.30am.

Each of these will have the prayers and readings of Christmas.

Booking will be needed for each of these Masses and booking opens on Tuesday 15th December. Thank you for your understanding in these difficult times.

Fr David.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Christmas cards are on sale from the Presbytery. Clare has had a delivery of more cards and is selling them from her window during her office hours.

Stella

The usual arrangement to leave and collect Christmas cards for fellow parishioners at the back of Church is sadly not going to be permitted this year due to Covid rules.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

BRAINTREE AREA FOOD BANK:

There will be a collection on Wednesday 16th December from our Church.
This will be the last opportunity to give before Christmas. The items specified below are particularly needed.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



Winter Shopping List 2020 November / December / January

Thank you for your continuing support during the Coronavirus crisis.

Foodbanks within the Trussell Trust network have seen unprecedented increases across our network and by continuing to support us with your donations you are continuing to support those most in need.

We are very thankful for any donations you can give.

We currently need:

Food Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cereal Bars• Chocolate Bars (Kit Kat, Penguins etc.)• Jam• Sponge Puddings• Mash Potato (Drum or Packet)• Tinned Potatoes	Food Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juice (not squash, in a 1 litre variant if possible)• Rice Pudding Other Essentials: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washing up liquid• Washing detergent (In a gel form if possible please)
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Our food parcels are made up of specific food groups so that those in need have enough food for at least nine meals. **The list above shows what we are in need of as we currently have good stocks of pasta, pasta sauce, biscuits, fish, soup, baby food and baby nappies.**

We also ask for small packs of food as larger packs do not fit in our parcels, making it difficult for our clients to carry home.

Thank you

We are grateful for your donations to the Braintree Area foodbank. However, we can only accept donations of freshly-bought, unopened and undamaged goods which are still well within their "use by" date (no less than 6 months). We cannot use items which do not meet these requirements, and the donation is wasted.

BREAD DONATIONS

Siene has asked me to let you know that Tesco's Store in Braintree and FareShare donate bread to the Parish. The bread will be available to be collected at the back of Church. If people can make a donation; the money raised will be used to pay towards the hosts and wine for Mass.

THANK YOU FARESHARE & TESCO STORE BRAINTREE



The SVP Christmas Quiz – Saturday 19th December at 7pm on Zoom.

Please join us for our family SVP Christmas Quiz and it's free to take part – but you might like to make a donation to Cafod's World Gifts, Jesuit Refugee Gifts or the SVP Shop during the event. The links to these are on our Facebook page or you can search for them on-line.

To book a place, please send a message to:

www.facebook.com/SVPBraintree

Or to Jamie Davey at jdavey98@yahoo.com

If you are interested in joining our group to help offer practical help to families and individuals, please use the same contact details.



Dear Children of the Parish

We are unable to have the Children's Service this year but we would still like you to be involved with helping celebrate Christmas. With that in mind, we would love it if you could draw or colour in a picture of the Nativity which we will then display at the back of the church.

Please put your name on the picture and post it through the Presbytery door for the attention of Jacqui and Clare.

Also we would love it if you still made and sent in your birthday cards for Jesus.

Thank you in advance,
Jacqui and Clare



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to give good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under [Pontius Pilate](#),
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) ('Gaudete' Sunday) Saturday 12th December Sunday 13th December	6.00pm	Alice Buckley RIP (Veronica Cross)
	9.00am	Ints Breda Digby (Baker)
	11.00am	Ints Sister Roseira (Hannah Baker-Walker)
Monday 14th December St John of the Cross, Pr, D	No Mass	
Tuesday 15th December Mass	9.30am	Mary McDermott RIP (Mark)
Wednesday 16th December Mass Followed by Private Prayer (Until 10.30am)	10.30am	Ints Adam Bezdell & Family
Thursday 17th December	No Mass	
Friday 18th December Mass Followed by Private Prayer (Until 10.30am)	9.30am	Nora Carroll RIP (A) (Cunningham)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) (Expectant Mothers) Saturday 19th December Sunday 20th December	6.00pm	Ints John & Peggy White & Family
	9.00am	Debbie Gibson RIP (Maria Playle)
	11.00am	Coleen Lobo RIP (Norma Henriques)